TO MINATO
...
BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS LETTER ...
LEAVING ME THIS LETTER ...
WHAT IS MOM ...
PLANNING ...?
MOTHER IS PROBABLY ALREADY IN THE HANDS OF KIDNAPPERS ...
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TO HAVE ...
BEEN KIDNAPPED ...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THIS ...
AH, BY THE WAY, THERE ARE NO SECRETS OR HIDDEN MEANINGS IN THIS LETTER
SO DON'T READ TOO MUCH INTO IT.
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... AH.
I SEE.
... HOW DID ANY OF THOSE HOOLIGANS EVEN MANAGED TO CATCH THAT KIND OF WOMAN!?
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WELL, PUT IT ANOTHER WAY,
THINK OF THIS AS A TEST.

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE
ALL MINATO HAS TO DO IS RESCUE MOTHER FROM THE BAD GUYS.
IF YOU MAKE USE OF ALL THE TRAINING WE'VE DONE UNTIL NOW, THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE
MOTHER WILL BE TESTING YOU ON .
THE TIME AND METHOD AS A STANDARD OF EVALUATION.
NOW GO! MASTER YOUR POWER!
... GEEZ ...
THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT ...
EVEN THOUGH MOTHER GOT CAUGHT ON PURPOSE ..

THAT'S WHY IF YOU'RE LATE ...
SOMETHING TERRIBLE MIGHT BEFALL UPON MOTHER.
MOTHER WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF A POWERLESS AND CARELESS GIRL WHO GOT CAUGHT.
SHE WON'T RESIST NO MATER WHAT THEY DO TO HER
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SO DO YOUR BEST♥
WHAT THE HELL, MOM!!

THIS BREAD IS DELICIOUS.
IT WAS JUST A CASUAL REMARK ...
... WAS ALL I SAID.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, MOTHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS...!
THEN FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK WE HAD NOTHING BUT BREAD
AND NOW SHE GOT CAUGHT?
MINATO LOOK, IT'S YOUR FAVOURITE!
JUST FOR TESTING ME SHE SHOULDN'T
JUST FOR... ME...
FOR MY SAKE...

THANK GOD I'VE BEEN WITH MOTHER 24/7.
I CAN EASILY TRACK MOTHER'S LINGERING SCENT AND HER MAGIC .!
I'LL STRENGTHEN MY LEGS .!
GOTTA HURRY!!
JUST A LITTLE MORE AND I'LL BE STEPPING INTO
UNKNOWN TERRITORY

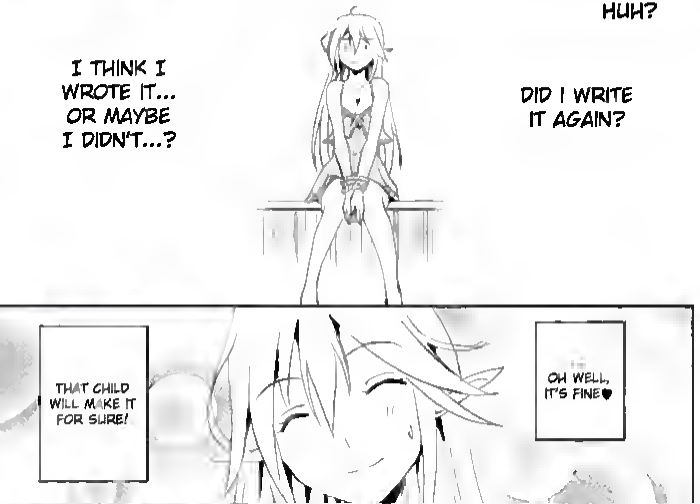
I'M IN A HURRY SO DO YOU MIND LETTING ME PASS...?
I GUESS NOT, HUH?

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU, GET OUT OF THE WAY...!!

HAAH!

CAN'T BELIEVE WE CAUGHT A BASKET OF SUCH PRETTY GIRLS ...
I'M SURE THEY'LL FETCH A GOOD PRICE.
HEHE HEH.
IT WAS AN UNEX-PECTEDLY RIPE HARVEST, EH BOSS?
A BUNCH OF SCUMS
I DON'T WANT TO BE TOUCHED BY THEM. .
NAH, I BET SELLING JUST ONE WILL BE ENOUGH TO MAKE US RICH!
WE'LL BE SOLD ONCE WE REACH THERE ...
IT'LL PROBABLY TAKE 2 DAYS
FOR THIS CARRIAGE TO REACH THE CITY.
WILL BE ABLE TO CATCH UP
I WONDER IF MINATO

I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE♪
WELL, SINCE I WROTE IT IN THE LETTER
THE TIME LIMIT IS TOMORROW AT SUNSET
YOU HAVE TO SAVE ME BEFORE THAT HAPPENS


HUH?
I THINK I WROTE IT... OR MAYBE I DIDN'T...?
DID I WRITE IT AGAIN?
THAT CHILD WILL MAKE IT FOR SURE!
OH WELL, IT'S FINE♥

I MADE SURE TO BEAT THE TRAINING INTO HIM AFTER ALL!
IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO IGNORE THESE KINDS OF ENEMIES...
I DID IT...
WAAH!!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FACE THESE GUYS...

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I'M ALMOST OUT OF THE FOREST
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LOOKS LIKE I GOTTA IMPROVISE …
I WONDER IF…
THE STRENG-THENING MAGIC ON MY LEGS WILL WORK HERE …

Hmmm
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO AROUND TO LOOK FOR A BRIDGE …

IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO SWIM ACROSS… BUT THIS CURRENT …
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EXTEND MY LEFT FOOT ...
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EVEN THOUGH MOTHER ORDERED ME TO ONLY DO SO UNDER HER GUIDANCE ...
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE ...
ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE THE TALENT FOR MAGIC ...
BUT I'VE BEEN COMING UP WITH INTERESTING AND ORIGINAL WAYS OF USING THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF MAGIC THAT I CAN MUSTER.

BEFORE MY LEFT FOOT SINKS
EXTEND MY RIGHT FOOT
BEFORE MY RIGHT FOOT SINKS
I'M WALKING ON WATER!!
WHOA! THIS IS AWESOME!

AH, THERE SHE IS!
MOTHER'S SCENT IS GETTING STRONGER
SNIFF
I SHOULD TRY SURPRISING THEM...

HE WHO STRIKES FIRST WINS!!

WHERE DID THIS BRAT COME FROM ...
COULD IT BE MINATO!?
WHA..
WHAT!?
GYAA AH!
AGUAH!?

UNLESS IT WASN'T SOMETHING I TAUGHT ...
NO... HE COULDN'T BE THIS FAST ...
EVEN WITH EVERYTHING I'VE TAUGHT HIM, THE EARLIEST HE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH UP SHOULD BE AT EVENING... BUT IT'S STILL DAYTIME RIGHT NOW...
THAT CHILD ...
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DON'T TELL ME ...
... RETURN MY MOTHER!
YOU BASTARD! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM!?

HEY . COULD ONE OF OUR MERCHANDISE BE A MOM ..?
WHO KNOWS .. I DON'T RECALL CATCHING ANY GIRLS WITH BLACK HAIR ...
THOSE GIRLS ARE STILL SO YOUNG, THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN HAVE A SON THIS BIG.
WELL, MOTHER DO LOOK YOUNG, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT ...
WHO CARES IF THEY GAVE BIRTH OR NOT ...
AS LONG AS THE BUYER CAN'T TELL, THERE'S NO PROBLEM
LET'S KIDNAP THIS BRAT AS WELL, EH? HE'S GOT AN UNUSUAL BLACK HAIR AND HIS FACE ISN'T HALF BAD, MAYBE SOME CURIOUS MADAME WILL BUY HIM
YO, KIDDO, WE WON'T HURT YOU, SO BE A GOOD KID AND COME WITH US ...
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Y...
YOU...
WHAT DID YOU DO!?
HIS FAULT FOR SAYING SOMETHING STRANGE...
YA BASTARD...
RIP HIM A GOOD ONE.
THAT REMINDS ME, I STILL DIDN'T EAT BREAKFAST YET
ALRIGHT, TIME TO WRAP THIS UP.

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DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF, PUNK!
BLAHCH!
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WHA WHAT THE HELL, MAN
THIS KID'S CRAZY—!?
ALTHOUGH THIS IS MY FIRST TIME FIGHTING A REAL FIGHT
BUT COMPARED TO MOTHER'S TRAINING, THESE GUYS ARE A WALK IN THE PARK
DIE!

HAAH!!
UWAH!?
TAKE THIS!
WHA ...!?

WELL, OF COURSE I STRENGTHENED MYSELF WITH MAGIC AFTER ALL.
THIS KID'S GOT SOME CRAZY STRENGTH ...!
HAAH AAH!!
GUEEH!
TAKE OUT THE TRASH!
IT'S TIME TO...

YOU SHOULD ALL THANK ME FOR ...
HITTING YOU WITH THE HANDLE RATHER THAN THE SPEARHEAD!

DONE DEAL ...!
OH RIGHT, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO SCREW AROUND!
MOM, I'M HERE TO SAVE YOU ...!
BY THE WAY THERE'S NO MEANING IN THIS POSE (LOL)

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MINATO ...!
SINCE IT'S MOTHER ...
SHE WOULD PROBABLY BE LIKE ...
AS EXPECTED, IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING ...
IT'LL BE IN FRONT OF THE OTHER CAPTURED GIRLS...
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MINATO.

ISN'T THIS TOO FAST?
EH...!?
MOM IS... ANGRY...?
WHY...??
IT COULDN'T BE...
BECAUSE ...
I FAILED?